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Board Okeys Sale Of Park To Hospital

A resolution approving the sale of Nurses' Park to Union Hospital was approved Monday by the Terre Haute Park Board, paving the way toward the acquisition of the little

park by the hospital for use in conjunction with its expansion program.

The resolution will now be forwarded to the City Council for final approval. The park is located west of the hospital property and is bounded on four sides by alleys. It is an area between Sixth and Seventh and One-half Sts., and Eighth Avenue and Beech Street.

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Don High, superintendent of parks, said the 1.92 acre tract is used only by a few neighborhood children and is generally unknown to the public. It entered the park system before the turn of the century.

In a related event, the Union Hospital Development Fund reported Monday the location of the proposed Phase I of the hospital building will be moved

west of the original planned site.

The new building will now be bounded by Sixth and One-half Street on the west and on the east at a point behind the present hospital. Reason given for the change was to provide for better emergency service and also better ventilation, resulting from the north-south exposure.

Fund officers reported that \$1,246,710 or 80 per cent of the \$1,500,000 goal has been raised to date and application has been made to the Indiana State Board of Health for Hill-Burton funds for hospital construction.

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In other business at the Park Board meeting, bids were opened for construction of rest rooms and a tool room at Booker T. Washington Park. Taken under advisement were bids of \$3,828.58 from Frank Johnson Const. Co., and \$3,150 from Herman Readinger & Sons, Inc.

High reported to the board that a water cooling system is now in operation in the Claud Herbert Memorial Fountain at the northwest corner of Fifth Street and Wabash Avenue.

The superintendent credited a donation from the local Spanish-American War veterans who helped make the improvement possible. The memorial is dedicated to Herbert, a Spanish-American War veteran who perished while attempting to save persons trapped in the Havens and Geddes fire at Fifth and Wabash early in the century.

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A report on the three local swimming pools was presented at the meeting and it showed that the hot weather evidently is proving profitable to the city. So far in 1966, the pool receipts are running more than \$5,000 ahead of last year.

All three parks, Deming, Voorhees and Sheridan, reported increases in patronage and receipts during the city's heat wave. During June, 10,366 persons swam in the pools.

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To 'Lost' Park

An almost forgotten and unheard of city park consisting of 1.92 acres, bounded by four alleys and located in the northwest section of the city was discussed at length by members of the Terre Haute Park Board at the monthly meeting of the group Tuesday.

Officially the name of the real estate is Nurses Park. It was purchased prior to the turn of the century and is almost unknown to many local residents according to William L. White, president of the Park Board.

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Donald High, superintendent of parks, said the park is located one-half block north of Eighth Avenue, one-half block south of Beech Street, one-half block east of Sixth Street and one-half block west of Sixth and One-Half Street.

Because of its inaccessibility, the park is used only by children

in the neighborhood who play there. High said a swing and a teeter board are located there and added the grass in the area has been cut this year. The west and north side of the park are bordered by a steep slope and brick walls constructed during the 1930's.

Reason for the park's discussion at the board meeting was that the Park Board feels the city should dispose of the property, inasmuch as its location and inaccessibility does not merit further development for park use.

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The park is located near Union Hospital and White said the board is considering some method of conveying the tract to the hospital if the hospital is interested in acquiring the property.

In other Park Board action Tuesday, the group approved installation of a cooling system for the Claude Herbert Memorial drinking fountain on the northeast corner of Fourth Street and Wabash Avenue, and erection by General Telephone Co., of a rustic public phone booth at Steeg Park.

It was also reported that the drinking fountain at Steeg Park is being repaired and work on restrooms there has been completed.

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